

Table B-7. Amount borrowed for undergraduate education among science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998, by major field of degree: April 1999

Major field of 1997-98 S&E bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Undergraduate loan amount ¹			
		Did not borrow	\$1-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$24,999	\$25,000 or more
All science and engineering fields.....	743,400	296,000	92,000	224,400	131,100
Total science.....	628,800	250,200	79,300	190,400	108,900
Computer and information sciences.....	46,000	18,600	7,700	12,200	7,600
Life and related sciences, total.....	164,000	72,100	16,700	48,500	26,800
Agricultural and food sciences.....	15,700	6,600	2,100	5,000	2,000
Biological sciences.....	134,900	59,400	13,300	39,300	22,900
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	13,500	6,100	S	4,200	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	23,700	9,200	3,400	6,700	4,300
Physical and related sciences, total.....	36,500	14,000	5,200	11,000	6,300
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	20,100	7,600	2,900	6,100	3,400
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	8,700	3,300	1,400	2,600	1,400
Physics and astronomy.....	7,200	2,800	900	2,000	1,400
Other physical sciences.....	600	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	146,700	55,200	18,600	46,300	26,500
Social and related sciences, total.....	211,800	81,000	27,700	65,700	37,400
Economics.....	32,700	14,300	3,800	9,000	5,600
Political science and related sciences.....	71,700	29,200	8,900	21,200	12,300
Sociology and anthropology.....	69,500	23,700	9,100	23,800	12,900
Other social sciences.....	37,900	13,800	5,900	11,700	6,600
Total engineering.....	114,600	45,800	12,700	34,000	22,200
Aerospace and related engineering.....	2,400	1,100	300	600	400
Chemical engineering.....	12,400	5,200	1,200	3,800	2,100
Civil and architectural engineering.....	20,200	9,100	2,200	5,600	3,300
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	34,200	12,500	3,900	10,900	6,900
Industrial engineering.....	6,000	2,200	500	2,200	1,000
Mechanical engineering.....	26,300	10,100	3,100	7,400	5,700
Other engineering.....	13,200	5,500	1,600	3,400	2,700

¹ Undergraduate loan amount represents the entire amount borrowed during their undergraduate education.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.
These estimates of 1997 and 1998 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999